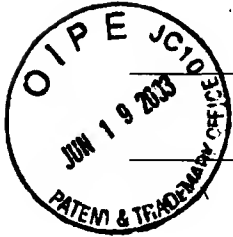


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Serial No.: 09/997,392

Filing Date: November 28, 2001

For: Cheese Fractionating Process

Examiner: N/A

Group Art Unit No.: 1761

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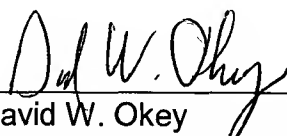
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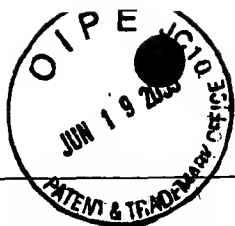
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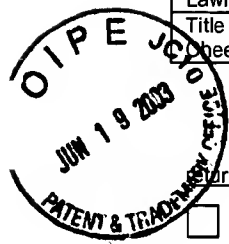
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